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PATENT APPLICATION  
EXAMINING GROUP 2600

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re App: Nath et al. S.N.: 09/884,837  
Docket No.: STL 9774.00 Art Unit: 2627  
Filed: June 19, 2001 Examiner: Miller, Brian E.  
For: CONTROL OF ADVANCED AIR BEARING FEATURES FOR REDUCED  
LUBRICANT ACCUMULATION

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Answer, Advisory Action mailed June 24, 2004, and Office Action mailed March 12, 2004, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks. The Applicants submit the Amendment as the submission for the Request for Continued Examination, which is being filed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.